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Dear Editor:

According to an article in the Gazette-Telegraph, a teacher at Challenger Middle School is preaching a strange sort of "sex-education." The Bible reference she gave them could be construed as saying it's all right for young boys to attack and rape young girls, and it's all right for girls to have sex with their fathers!

It seems that this teacher, in providing the moral source of her opposition to homosexuality, cited Chapter 19 of the biblical book of Genesis. This details the destruction of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, because the people practiced homosexuality, of which God disapproved. But in that chapter there is absolutely no condemnation of Lot for offering to let the angry crowd gang-rape his virgin daughters: "Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes; only unto these men do nothing..." This from a man judged by God to be the only "good" man worth saving in all of Sodom and Gomorrah!

Later in this sorry tale we read the story of Lot's incest with those same two daughters--action apparently sanctioned by God.

I am not arguing for or against homosexuality, but I find that people who quote the story of Sodom and Gomorrah as a reason to hate homosexuals have a strange sense of sin not to be outraged by the more reprehensible parts of this legend. I personally find the picture of Lot's offering up his little girls for mob pleasure much more revolting than the possibility of men attacking men, and I believe most of modern society would agree. This shows that morality has clearly evolved since biblical times and this ancient book should never be used as a guide to moral living.

Anyone using the Bible for reference should be aware of the words of David, in speaking of his friend Jonathan, when he called him "most dear to me" and says, "Your love for me was wonderful, surpassing the love of a woman." These words leave no doubt that homosexual relations were indulged in by this biblical hero. Bringing the Bible into the classroom as a reference might encourage students to read it fully, and they could certainly see this verse as a strong "recommendation" for homosexuality!

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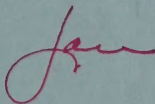
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Dear Doug--

You were right--this was a real violation of everything (!) when the sex-education teacher at the Challenger Middle School used religiously-based material to support her anti-choice position on abortion and justify her opposition to homosexuality!

It all made me so angry I wrote the enclosed letter to the G-T. Am sending it to you because I know you will never read it in that paper...



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